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IN THIS ISSUE:

Thank you to all the producers who responded to the 2010 Agricultural Research Management Survey (ARMS III).

Your participation ensures that decisions affecting you, your family, your business, and your community are based on the facts.

U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM 2010

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.42 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2010. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 32.0 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 44.5 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from last year.

MINNESOTA, U.S. HAY STOCKS UP FROM LAST YEAR

Minnesota stocks of all hay on farms totaled 810,000 tons on May 1, 2011, up from 630,000 tons on May 1 of the previous year and up from 790,000 tons in 2009.

U.S. stocks of all hay on farms totaled 22.2 million tons on May 1, 2011, up from 20.9 million tons on May 1 of the previous year.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 7 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on May 1, 2011. The inventory was 7 percent above May 1, 2010.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.80 million, 10 percent above 2010. This is the second highest placements for the month of April since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.74 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 450,000, 600-699 pounds were 310,000, 700-799 pounds were 490,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 545,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.81 million, 3 percent below 2010.

Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during April, 35 percent below 2010. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

Upcoming Releases: Crop Production on June 9 at 8:30 a.m. ET
Quarterly Hogs and Pigs on June 24 at 3:00 p.m. ET
Agricultural Prices on June 29 at 3:00 p.m. ET
Acreage and Grain Stocks on June 30 at 8:30 a.m. ET

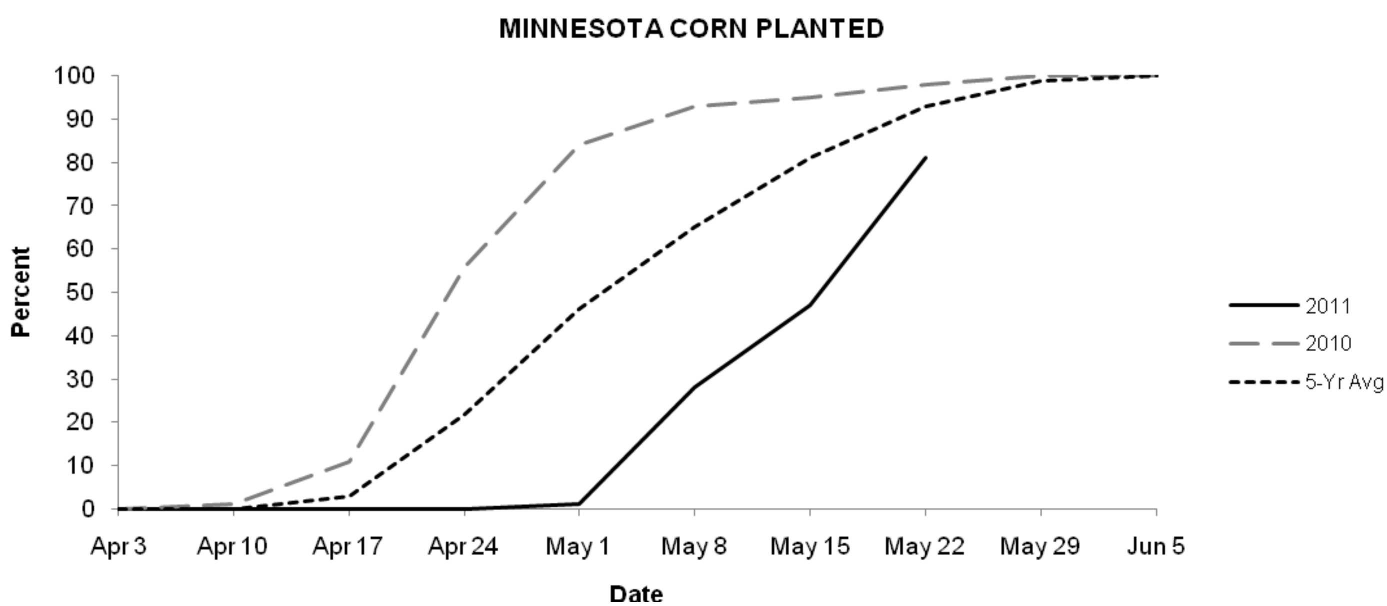
All reports can be viewed at _www.udsa.gov/nass_ shortly after the scheduled release time.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, BY MONTH, STATE, AND UNITED STATES, 2010-2011 1/

State	May 1, 2010	April 1, 2011	May 1, 2011		
			Number	as % of 2010	as % of April
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
AZ	268	276	282	105	102
CA	410	450	450	110	100
CO	940	1,090	1,100	117	101
ID	210	220	230	110	105
IA	600	650	640	107	98
KS	2,130	2,190	2,170	102	99
NE	2,240	2,380	2,370	106	100
OK	325	355	355	109	100
SD	235	265	255	109	96
TX	2,510	2,780	2,750	110	99
WA	175	211	205	117	97
Other States	385	404	393	102	97
US	10,428	11,271	11,200	107	99

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

MINNESOTA SPRING PLANTING UPDATE: Heavy snowfall and below average temperatures during the winter of 2010-2011 placed spring fieldwork behind average. Cool temperatures slowed the thawing process and caused secondary crests in many rivers, including the Mississippi and the Red River. April snowfall pushed the winter season to the 4th snowiest on record. Cold and wet conditions continued into early May, and planting was delayed behind last year and the five-year average. Brief windows of dry conditions allowed producers to make progress; however, the cold, wet weather pattern continued to prevent soils from adequately warming and drying. The first warm and dry spell came in mid-May where producers rated 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork, the highest number so far this year. Significant gains in planting took place the week ending May 22 before weekend rainfall moved in and, once again, halted planting progress. Topsoil moisture supplies have been rated 35 percent surplus or higher this season.



WORLD AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY AND DEMAND ESTIMATES

NOTE: This report presents USDA's initial assessment of U.S. and world crop supply and demand prospects and U.S. prices for the 2011/12 season. Also presented are the first calendar-year 2012 projections of U.S. livestock, poultry, and dairy products. Projections reflect economic analysis, normal weather, trends, and judgment. Because spring planting is still underway in the Northern Hemisphere and remains several months away in the Southern Hemisphere, these projections are highly tentative. National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) forecasts are used for U.S. winter wheat area, yield, and production. For other U.S. crops, the March 31 NASS *Prospective Plantings* report is used for planted acreage.

WHEAT: The 2011/12 outlook for U.S. wheat is for reduced supplies with lower carryin and production than in 2010/11. Beginning stocks for 2011/12 are down 14 percent from 2010/11, but remain the second highest in a decade. All-wheat production is projected at 2,043 million bushels, down 7 percent from 2010/11. The survey-based forecast of winter wheat production is down 4 percent, as lower expected harvested area and yields in Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas sharply reduce Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat production. Partly offsetting is higher production of Soft Red Winter (SRW) wheat with a rebound in area and higher forecast yields. Spring wheat production is expected lower despite higher expected planted area for other spring wheat. A return to trend yields from record levels of the previous 2 years is expected to reduce durum and other spring wheat production. U.S. wheat supplies for 2011/12 are projected at 2,992 million bushels, down 9 percent from 2010/11.

Total U.S. wheat use for 2011/12 is projected down 7 percent as lower projected exports more than offset higher expected domestic use. Food use is projected at 945 million bushels, up 15 million from 2010/11 as flour extraction rates are expected to decline modestly from their historical highs during the past 3 years and consumption grows slightly driven by slowly rising population. Feed and residual use is projected at 220 million bushels, up 50 million from the 2010/11 projection as higher corn prices and a rebound in SRW production encourage more summer quarter wheat feeding.

COARSE GRAINS: Projected U.S. feed grain supplies for 2011/12 are nearly unchanged from 2010/11 as record production is offset by the smallest beginning stocks in 15 years. Corn production for 2011/12 is projected at a record 13.5 billion bushels, up 1.1 billion from 2010/11 as a 4.0-million-acre increase in intended plantings and a recovery from last year's weather-reduced yields boost expected output. The 2011/12 corn yield is projected at 158.7 bushels per acre, 3.0 bushels below the 1990-2010 trend, reflecting the slow pace of planting progress through early May. The 2011/12 yield is expected to be the third highest on record. Corn supplies for 2011/12 are projected at 14.3 billion bushels. This is below the 2009/10 record of 14.8 billion bushels, but up 75 million from 2010/11, as a 5-million-bushel increase in 2010/11 imports and a 50-million-bushel reduction in 2010/11 exports boost current year carryout this month.

Total U.S. corn use for 2011/12 is projected down 1 percent from 2010/11. Corn use for ethanol is projected up 50 million bushels, reflecting slow expected growth in gasoline consumption and continued export demand for ethanol in the coming year. Domestic corn feed and residual use is projected 50 million bushels lower than in 2010/11, reflecting increased availability of feed by-products from ethanol production and lower expected residual use as compared with the current year. U.S. corn exports for 2011/12 are projected down 100 million bushels from 2010/11 with larger foreign corn supplies. U.S. corn ending stocks for 2011/12 are projected at 900 million bushels, up 170 million from the current year projection. Stocks remain historically tight with stocks-to-use projected at 6.7 percent compared with the current year projection of 5.4 percent. The season-average farm price is projected at a record \$5.50 to \$6.50 per bushel compared with the 2010/11 forecast of \$5.10 to \$5.40 per bushel.

OILSEEDS: U.S. oilseed production for 2011/12 is projected at 99.0 million tons, down 1 percent from 2010/11. Reduced soybean production accounts for most of the decline, but sunflowerseed, canola, and peanut production are all projected below last year's crops. Soybean production is projected at 3.285 billion bushels, down 44 million from the 2010 crop mostly due to lower harvested area. Soybean yields are projected at a trend level of 43.4 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushels from 2010. Soybean supplies are projected at 3.47 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from 2010/11 as larger beginning stocks partly offset lower production. Soybean ending stocks for 2010/11 are projected at 170 million bushels, up 30 million from last month due to reduced exports.

With lower 2011/12 U.S. soybean supplies and higher South American soybean supplies on hand this fall, U.S. soybean exports are projected at 1.54 billion bushels, slightly below the 2010/11 level despite a projected increase in global import demand led by China. Ending stocks for 2011/12 are projected at 160 million bushels, down 10 million from 2010/11, leaving the stocks-to-use ratio at 4.8 percent. The U.S. season-average soybean price for 2011/12 is projected at \$12.00 to \$14.00 per bushel compared with \$11.40 per bushel in 2010/11. Soybean meal prices are forecast at \$350 to \$380 per short ton, compared with \$350 per ton for 2010/11. Soybean oil prices are projected at 56 to 60 cents per pound, compared with 53.5 cents for 2010/11.

Source: World Agriculture Outlook Board, WASDE Report, May 11, 2011

APRIL EGG OUTPUT UP 2 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota layers produced 236 million eggs during April 2011 versus 231 million in April 2010. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.61 billion eggs in April, nearly equal to a year ago.

POULTRY STATS – APRIL

		2010	2011
Total Eggs	MN	231 Mil.	236 Mil.
Produced	U.S.	7,578 Mil.	7,612 Mil.
Number of	MN	10.4 Mil.	10.4 Mil.
Layers	U.S.	341.3 Mil.	340.5 Mil.
Eggs per	MN	2,231	2,280
100 Layers	U.S.	2,220	2,236
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (April)			
Egg-Type	U.S.	47.6 Mil.	43.4 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	768.3 Mil.	779.9 Mil.
Eggs in			
Incubators (May 1)			
Egg-Type	WNC*	8.8 Mil.	9.3 Mil.
	U.S.	41.7 Mil.	40.8 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	28.5 Mil.	28.3 Mil.
	U.S.	644.8 Mil.	649.1 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Hatched (April)	U.S.	24.5 Mil.	23.2 Mil.
Eggs in	U.S.	28.7 Mil.	27.7 Mil.
Incubators (May 1)			.

*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota)

APRIL MILK OUTPUT DOWN 1.9 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Totaling 761 million pounds, the state's April milk production was down 1.9 percent from April 2010.

Output per cow was 1,615 pounds in April, down 35 pounds from April 2010. Milk cows for April averaged 471,000 head, the same as March, but up 1,000 from a year ago.

April 2011 milk output in the 23 major states was 15.5 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from April 2010. Milk cows in the 23 states averaged 8.43 million head, up 97,000 head from the previous year. At 1,834 pounds, production per cow was 9 pounds more than April 2010.

MARCH/APRIL 2011 MILK STATS

	Milk Production		Percent of Previous Year	
State	**Mar**	**Apr**	**Mar**	**Apr**
	Million Lbs.		**Percent**	
California	3,590	3,520	103.1	102.6
Idaho	1,083	1,077	103.9	104.6
Minnesota	**780**	**761**	**99.1**	**98.1**
New York	1,104	1,080	103.1	100.8
Pennsylvania	929	918	99.3	99.2
Wisconsin	2,247	2,197	100.8	99.9
23 States	15,757	15,468	102.4	101.7

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